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N^o 42.

New York February 16th 1779.

My Lord,

I was honored with your Lordship's Dispatches N^o 15. 16. 18. & 19, together with your most Secret and Confidential Letter N^o 17, by the Grenville Pacquet, which arrived here on the 23^d of last Month; I had also the honor of receiving by the same conveyance, the Dispatches N^o 4 & 5 and your most Secret and Confidential one N^o 6. addressed to the King's Commissioners.

Having received Intelligence a few Days ago, that the Rebels are framing two Batteaux, and three Vessels at Still Water; and thinking it necessary to pay some Attention to this Information, I acquainted General Haldimand immediately therewith, not only by Way of Halifax, but also by several

Right Honorable

Lord George Germain

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Messengers

Messengers dispatched overland to Quebec, that he might be upon his Guard in case these Preparations should be intended against Canada.

I have likewise been informed that two of the principal Inhabitants of that Province [for the Name of a great many others] have invited the Enemy to attempt an Expedition against Canada, and it is said that Gates and Arnold, should it be undertaken, are to Command the Troops intended for that Service; I do not however find that this has occasioned any Movement as yet in the Rebel Army, and if the Rebel News Papers are to be believed, they tell us that Arnold has resigned, and that Gates remains quiet in his Command at Boston.

Lieutenant Colonel Fox of the 38th Regiment, who has requested my Leave to return to Europe on Account of his private Affairs, will have the honor of delivering my Dispatches; This Officer has been constantly in this Country since the Year 1774, and as his Services cannot be unknown to your Lordship, it is unnecessary for me to say more of them, than that as Major of Grenadiers, and Aid de Camp to the late

Commander in Chief, they were very meritorious.

I have the honor to be,

With the greatest Respect,

Your Lordship's,

Most obedient and
most humble Servant.

A large, cursive signature of George Washington, written in black ink. The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent 'W' at the beginning. It is positioned below the text and to the right of a small, simple oval.

P. H. Clinton
16 Octr 1770
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